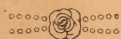


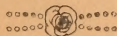
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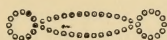
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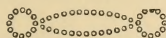
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midnight darkness, and will see the brightness of His coming,
shining out of the East even unto the West.—(Matt. 24: 27.)

The millennium will not be in its glory until after the children
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CHAPTER I.

THE Almighty God is the author of it; He gave it to His Son, Jesus Christ, who employed His beloved disciple John to be the writer of it, and to send it to the seven churches of Asia. Each of these churches had a church court. This court is called the angel of the church in chapters II. and III. We should always remember all through this sealed book that the angels who sound the trumpets, and warn the people, and preach the Gospel, are the Elders or Bishops. Those who read, hear, and keep the things which are written therein are a blessed people, and the pay they get is exceedingly great; even grace, and peace, and a seven-fold portion of the Holy Spirit from our God and Saviour. We are informed what a great One our Lord Jesus Christ is; He is the faithful witness, the first begotten of the dead, the prince of the kings of the earth, the first and the last, the beginning and the ending, the Lord which is, and which was, and which is to come, the Almighty. His garments, His girdle, His head, His hairs, His eyes, the words of His mouth, His countenance, are all extremely beautiful. He liveth and was dead, and behold He is alive for evermore, Amen; and has the keys of hell and of death. We are also informed what great things He hath done for us. He loved us and washed us from our sins in His own blood, and hath made us kings and priests unto

God and His Father; to Him be glory and dominion forever and ever.—Amen. He will come again to our world in His human nature, on His great white throne, to raise the dead, and to pass sentence on all the wicked, and to take all His own great cloud of witnesses home to the mansions of glory; He is always in the midst of His true churches or candlesticks, and holds the stars or ministers in His right hand. The book contains the things which John had seen in times gone by, the things which were then passing; and the things which were then in the future down to the end of the world.

CHAPTER II.

IN the second chapter God makes known to us the character of the churches of Ephesus, Smyrna, Pergamos, and Thyatira as they were when this book was given. Ephesus was a very excellent church, even a true and faithful witness to the truths of the Word of God, against those who hold and teach error and false doctrines, especially those who claimed to be apostles, and were not, and those who have religious associations not appointed by God in His Word, but they were lacking in the grace of love, which is a very serious matter, for there is not a word to show that this church does continue until the millennial period. Smyrna was one of the two witnesses; God finds no fault with her; she was poor in the things of this world, but rich in true and everlasting wealth; she was a picture of all the poor and downtrodden children of God, through the twelve hundred and sixty years of that cruel and blasphemous system of worship called the mystery of God. All who overcome in her shall be safe

from the second death. The church of Pergamos was located where satan had great power; she had some very excellent recommendations from God as a church; and one of her true and faithful members was actually put to death; but God had a few things against her, because they had taken into their churches men like Balaam, who loved riches and honour, and would do sinful things to gain their point. They had also men who held the doctrines of the Nicolaitanes; this must have been some religious association not appointed by God in His Word. Therefore God hates them. God threatens to fight against them with the sword of His mouth except they repent, there are great things in store for those who overcome in this church. The church of Thyatira is commended by God as having many good qualities, and the last to be more than the first. Notwithstanding, God had a few things against her; they suffered a woman to teach the servants of the most high God; she called herself a prophetess; that is, she claimed that she had the Holy Spirit, but according to her teaching it was the evil spirit. Is it possible for us to know by the work of a spirit whether it is the holy one, or an evil spirit? Well, yes; the Holy Spirit always leads the minds of men to the Word of God; whereas the evil spirit makes men to doubt the truth of some parts of the Word of God. God has made great threatenings against this woman, and against those who were seduced by her, except they repent; her time to repent was past and gone, God gave her space to repent and she repented not. God says that He will kill her children with death, this is the second death. God holds up these things as a warning to us all as churches. There were people in this church who did please God well, by keeping clear of the evil spirit. They who overcome in this church will be here at the beginning of the millennial period, and will be made rulers over the nations.

CHAPTER III.

IN this third chapter God sends three letters to three of the churches; Sardis, Philadelphia, and the Laodiceans. Sardis was spiritually dead, had only a name to live; God pleads with her to repent, and if she does not watch, He will come on her as a thief, unexpected. There were a few of the true people of God in Sardis, and they shall walk with God in white, and will be specially mentioned before God the Father on the great day. Philadelphia is one of God's true and faithful witnesses; God finds no fault with this church, He makes many great and precious promises of what He will do for her. She is a picture of God's true and faithful church all through the millennial period. Her descendants will be here when Christ comes on the great day, and will be caught up with the saints, who shall be raised from the dead, to meet the Lord in the air. The church of the Laodiceans is brought before our minds as one who think themselves to be extremely good, but their principles and practice are so far away from the Word of God that He will spue them out of His mouth. He gives them good counsel; the rebukes He gives her show that He loves them, and those who overcome shall sit on His throne, to rule the nations in the millennial period, along with those who overcome in the church of Thyatira.

CHAPTER IV.

IN this chapter we are informed that the great God of heaven and earth is about to set up His throne among His own redeemed people. He will dwell in them all through the millennial period; He is very precious in the eyes of His people; even like precious stones; the emblem of His covenant is round about Him; the office-bearers of His church are all seated around Him, clothed in the white robe of the righteousness of Christ, and crowned with golden crowns. He makes the dreadful things of His law known to these men, and the voices are the still small voice of His Gospel, with a sevenfold light from the Holy Spirit; He makes the whole Word of God plain to them, even like a sea of glass clear as crystal. Those whom He will make to be the rulers over the nations of the earth are in and around the throne, they are divided into four standards, full of eyes; they look well to all their doings; they have six wings; they will be able to use all the speedy ways of travel and sending word which we now have, they will not be idle men, but will be always giving glory to the Lord God Almighty. And the office-bearers of the churches will humble themselves before the Most High God, and will ascribe glory, and power, and honour unto Him, for His greatness, and for the great things He hath done.

CHAPTER V.

IN this chapter we should take notice of the great solemnity which the mighty God holds up around the sealed book of Revelation. How that not one of our fallen race was worthy to open the book, neither to look thereon. We should take notice of the grief of John because of this matter. This elder knew of one who was well qualified to open the seven seals, even the Lamb who was slain. The remainder of the chapter is taken up with those beasts who are the rulers over the nations all through the millennial period, and the elders who are the office-bearers in the churches in the millennial period; worshipping, and adoring, the most high God, and our Lord and Saviour; and many of the holy angels do worship with them — ten thousand times ten thousand, and thousands of thousands.

CHAPTER VI.

IN this chapter there are six of the seals opened by the Lamb. In each of the first four one of the four beasts, who are to be rulers and kings over all the nations of the earth, in the millennial period, do say, Come and see. These men will be well qualified to understand this book, when they are chosen to be our rulers. We can see by what is said about them in the fourth and fifth chapters, that they are very holy and wise men, and do give God all the glory. They do want all men to see and understand this book. In order to get a good understanding of part of this book

we must know the meaning of the word "horses." The first, or white horse, and the rider makes it quite plain. Christ is the rider, He is the prophet, priest, and King; all the other true prophets did speak His Word; all the other holy priests were shadows or pictures of His priesthood; and all their offerings were faint pictures of the offering which He offered. Horses in the Word of God are used as an emblem of mighty power. The other three horses and their riders are all made great, by the great red dragon mentioned in the twelfth chapter. The fifth seal opened shows us the martyrs of Jesus, and their blood crying to God for vengeance. We read in the eighteenth chapter about the avenging of the blood. In the sixth seal opened we see the dismal spiritual darkness of nearly all the people in our world, and hear their doleful cry to the mountains and rocks, "Fall on us, and hide us from the face of Him that sitteth on the throne, and from the wrath of the Lamb."

CHAPTER VII.

IN this chapter we see that God has four angels who are just at the point of hurting the earth and the sea, but He sends another angel who cries, saying—"Hurt not the earth, nor the sea, nor the trees till we have sealed the servants of our God in their foreheads." God will not destroy the righteous with the wicked. This sealing is the gift of the Holy Spirit; and those who are sealed are the first fruits of the millennial churches. And in the last part of the chapter we have a few words about the great

multitudes, whom God will redeem from the churches, who were in such dismal darkness by reason of the smoke from the bottomless pit mentioned in chapter nine. In the eleventh and twelfth verses we have a few words about the holy angels, and the words of their song, showing their great gladness, because of such a great multitude having repented and become the followers of the Lamb. This great multitude is the beginning of the millennial period.

CHAPTER VIII.

IN this chapter the seventh seal is opened. What is under this seal is all that is said in this little book about sounding the trumpets, and warning all people who are not obeying the teaching of the holy Word of God, and to tell them of the dreadful punishment from the hand of God for disobedience. But there is a time mentioned here when they are silent, and do not warn the people; look at the power given by God to these witnesses as recorded in chapter eleven, and notwithstanding this power we find them lying spiritually dead. We in this our day are in this dead state, also those who should be sounding the trumpets are silent. This angel in verse three is our Lord Jesus, the altar is His divine nature, the incense is His intercession (verse five). The fire is the Holy Spirit, the voices are the Gospel. And thunderings and lightnings and an earthquake—these speak peace and joy to His own people, but terror to His enemies.—Matt. 28:1-8. In this chapter our Lord and Saviour is

preparing his true and faithful servants to sound his trumpets, or, in other words, to warn all the churches and all men who teach and hold false doctrines, and to let them know what fearful destruction will come upon them except they repent; and to preach the true Gospel to them, whether they will hear, or whether they will forbear. We see that God is angry; the hail denotes His anger, and He left them in the power of the dragon symbolised by fire, and they shed the blood of His dear servants. This corrupt church was cast into the sea which is the wicked heathen nations, who became bloody persecutors, and that the third part of God's living new born creatures died. And we see that one of the stars of these bloody persecutors, or in other words a great host of their high officials, fell upon the third part of the living waters, which is the Word of God, and that many men died of the waters because they were made bitter by their false explanations; and that when the faithful servants of God sounded the fourth trumpet, God left those bloody persecutors in dismal spiritual darkness. We are informed in this eighth chapter that the three trumpets which are yet to be sounded in the future are woe trumpets.

CHAPTER IX.

IN the ninth chapter, the fifth and sixth angels sounded two of the woe trumpets. At the sounding of the fifth angel we see a star fall from heaven unto the earth. This star is a different star from the one mentioned in the eighth chapter, which fell upon the rivers and fountains of waters and made them bitter. This star is a great Protestant power, which opened the bottomless pit, and the smoke from the pit is as the smoke of a great furnace. The smoke is false teaching and false doctrines, which is the cause of great spiritual darkness. By this darkness even the great and good churches of Smyrna and Philadelphia are overcome, and do become spiritually dead, as recorded in the eleventh chapter. The locusts which come out of the smoke are the publishers and pressmen, or scribes. These locusts are commanded by God not to hurt the grass, neither any green thing, neither any tree; these are the food. The Word of God is the bread and water of life, but only hurt those who have not the seal of God in their foreheads. They will not kill the saints when they testify against their faults—the prophets of God have always been a torment to evil doers. Five months would be one hundred and fifty years—that will be about the time when the press began to be a great power. Men shall seek death and shall not find it, and shall desire to die and death shall flee from them; God will not let them all go to the second death. The pressmen are a great power. In a time of war they can dictate like kings what shall be done. Although they are called locusts, they have faces like men, very wise. Their hair is the etiquette they teach, to beautify and adorn the women. Their teeth is their false teaching, wherewith they lead people down the broad way; their breastplates are proof against the point

of the sharp two-edged sword; their wings are our railway trains. They all seem to be led by the evil spirit.

At the sounding of the sixth angel God lets loose His four destroying angels to slay the third part of men. If this does mean the third part of all the people of our earth the number which will be slain will be about five hundred million. We can see what a great power the Protestants will be by the number of the horsemen, even two hundred million; these are all teachers and rulers. We can see, too, where the smoke comes from, even out of the mouths of the horses; or, in other words, out of the mouths of false teachers. The breastplates of the horsemen (verse 17) are of fire, this is an evil spirit; they think and say He is the Holy Spirit; jacinth is their false doctrines in their eyes. These doctrines are very precious, even like clear glistening stones, and brimstones, which they think are the mansions of glory; but, poor creatures, it is everlasting punishment. The last part of the chapter lets us know the character of the people who were not killed by these plagues.

CHAPTER X.

THIS mighty angel is our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ; the cloud is His great cloud of witnesses; the rainbow is His covenant. The sun of righteousness shall arise with healing in His wings. How beautiful are the feet of them that preach the gospel of peace. The Lord has the little book of Revelation open in His hand. He makes an oath, and by His so doing we are taught how

to make an oath, and in His oath He tells us the time when the mystery of God will come to an end. As He hath declared to His servants, the prophets, these words do teach that we must search the prophets to get the true meaning of these things. He gives John the little open book, and he eats it, or, in other words, he got a good understanding of it; in his mouth it was as sweet as honey, and as soon as he had eaten it his belly was bitter; the reason of this was there are so many bitter things in the book.

CHAPTER XI.

IN this chapter eleven John is commanded to measure the temple of God, and the altar, and the worshippers. The measuring reed is the word of God: everything in the House of God must be in exact accord with the word, or if not God will reprove, chasten, and scourge. But there is a part which is not to be measured. The fallen stars, or erroneous churches, are here called Gentiles; in the thirteenth chapter they are called two beasts; in the eighteenth chapter the first beast is called Babylon, a great city. God in His infinite wisdom leaves them out and measures them not. He tells us, too, what they will do; the holy city, or, in other words, His true Church, shall they tread under foot forty and two months. A day for a year makes twelve hundred and sixty years. He brings before our minds His two witnesses; in the

fourth verse he calls them the two candlesticks; candlesticks are churches; in the tenth verse he calls them these two prophets; in the second verse they are called the holy city; in the second and third chapters they are called Smyrna and Philadelphia; they have to prophesy or preach a thousand two hundred and three score days in sackcloth, or mourning; a day for a year, twelve hundred and sixty years; the same length of time that they are trodden under foot by the two great systems of false worship called the Gentiles. The fifth and sixth verses tell us what great power they have—their power is exceedingly great. Notwithstanding this great power, they are overcome by the plausible false teaching of the second beast, mentioned in the thirteenth chapter, and they become spiritually dead, and remain in that state for three days and a half, a day for a year. The great mass of people will be exceedingly glad at their downcome; but God will raise them to spiritual life again, and take them nearer to Himself than ever they were before, but He will show His displeasure by destroying the tenth part of their city; this does finish the second woe. At this time the seventh angel sounds, and the two great mysterious systems of false worship come to their end; and the true people of God rejoice greatly. The avenging of the blood of the martyrs takes place at this time. And the millennial church begins with an innumerable multitude.

CHAPTER XII.

IN this chapter there are two great wonders brought before our minds. The first is the church of God under the figure of a woman; the time that she pictures the church to us is from the days of the apostles to the beginning of the first fruits of the millennial church; in all this long period she is very much troubled and pained because the Lord Jesus Christ, who is her son, is not acknowledged by the nations, to be the king, although He is the rightful heir to the throne. The twelve stars in her crown are the twelve apostles of the Lamb. The sun clothing is the New Testament worship and ordinances; the moon is the Old Testament worship and ordinances. The other wonder is the great red dragon. We are told that he is that old serpent called the devil and satan. Heaven in this chapter is the visible church—both the good part of it, the woman, and the evil part, the followers of the dragon. The dragon's heads are the seven kingdoms which had dominion over the whole earth, beginning with Nebuchadnezzar. The ten horns are his weapons and power over the nations of the earth. We are taught here that the dragon's great desire is to destroy our Lord Jesus and His redeemed ones. He draws the third part of the stars of heaven, or, in other words, the teachers, and the rulers of the churches, and leads them down the broad road, as we can plainly see this day, for they follow not the Word of God, but their own inventions, many of them really believing that their way of saving souls is better than God's. Our King is safe near God and His throne. The woman fled into the wilderness; yes, fled for her life. The dragon's followers had the kings and rulers of the nations on their side against the woman, and according to history put thous-

ands of her children to death in the most cruel manner that could be invented by men and devils. We are informed here that there was war in heaven. Michael is the Lord Jesus Christ; His angels are all the teachers and rulers in the church, or woman. This war is brought before our minds in the ninth chapter of this book. We are informed there that the followers of the dragon are two hundred million horsemen. The war would be a very unequal war, only for that the woman has the great King on her side, Who, with His iron rod, will rule over the nations and break them to shivers, and will cast the dragon out of the church, and he will never get into the church again. The followers of the Lamb are exceedingly glad when these things do come to pass. The dragon then begins his cruel persecution again, but God, according to what the prophet says, will allure her, and bring her into the wilderness, and speak comfortably unto her; yes, He will do very great things for her while she is finishing up the last part of the twelve hundred and sixty years.

CHAPTER XIII.

IN this chapter we have two great systems of false worship brought before our minds, under the figure of two beasts. The first beast is all the rulers and teachers in the church of Rome; the second beast is a great union of Protestants, who, according to the teaching of the Word of God, will exercise all the power of the first beast before him. This is very great power when we think of the power that the Church of Rome had before the Greek Church, and all the churches split off from them—not only as a church, but over the nations. The first beast comes up out of the sea, the sea is the wicked heathen part of the world. His seven heads are seven countries. His ten horns are the ten kings of Europe. The description given by God of this beast does show that he is the personification of cruelty and wickedness; to show his cruelty he is like a leopard, has feet like a bear, and a mouth like a lion; and to show his dreadful wickedness, he opened his mouth in blasphemy against God; and to show how extensive his power is, —and power was given him over all kindreds and tongues and nations. And to show how much he is thought of among men—and all that dwell upon the earth shall worship him, whose names are not written in the book of life of the Lamb slain from the foundation of the world. This beast is written about in many places both in the Old Testament and in the New; his head which was wounded, was Great Britain; the duration of his time is twelve hundred and sixty years. It is perfectly awful to think of all the hard words the Mighty God has said in His holy Word about this beast, and his followers—the consequence to them is perfectly dreadful. All people who read all those words and do follow him, will not be able to say that they got no warning from God. The

second beast is a union of Protestants, the earth is the civilised part of the world, the horns are the teachers and rulers in this church. The Lamb is Christ. Their laws are much the same as the laws of Christ's house. They have no very high officials. He spake as a dragon—that is, he contradicts some of the Word of God. The extent of his power is very great, even equal to that of the first beast, over all kindreds and tongues and nations. The earth and them that dwell therein are the lawmakers and rulers of the nations. This second beast causeth these rulers to worship the first beast, whose deadly wound was healed. The fire which appears to come down from heaven in the sight of men is the evil spirit. God, and He alone, can work miracles. But this evil spirit's supernatural doings are so much like miracles that they pass among men as such. With the approbation of the first beast, this second beast says to the lawmakers and rulers of the nations, that they should make an image to the beast which had the wound. The whole system of education is the image. He had power to give life; that is, if people would make a god of the image it would impart unto them and their children eternal life; and that the lawmakers should add the death penalty to the now existing laws; and that all people of every rank wear a badge, and if not, they shall be deprived of all civil and religious liberty. When we want to find the date of any event in sacred history, we look in our Bibles, and there we find the year, before Christ, or after Christ, as the case may be. If the year 666 after Christ was the commencement of the beast, then his end will take place in the year 1926. It is quite evident that when Paul wrote the Epistle to the Romans and when he was at Rome, there was a good church there, and that there was a time when God cast them off for their sins, and they became the beast as described in this chapter.

CHAPTER XIV.

THE first five verses of this chapter is a description of the first fruits of the millennial church. According to this description, this is the most beautiful church that ever was on earth, and we have a description of this same little church in the book of Hosea 2:14-20. In Hosea God says that He will betroth them unto him in faithfulness. He has never had a faithful bride yet on this side of the grave, for any length of time, but she will continue to be faithful all through the millennial period. In the next six verses we are informed about three angels. These are the ministers of this beautiful little church, sent out at three different times, to preach to and to give warning to the millions of followers of the two beasts, or, in other words, they are the men who sound the three woe trumpets. In verses twelve and thirteen God says a few words about these faithful ministers. They are extremely patient, and will be called upon to suffer immensely at the hands of these millions; and many of them will be put to death. But their blood will be avenged in a very short time after their death, and their names will be had in remembrance. This white cloud is the faithful followers of the Son of Man, who do crown Him King. The sharp sickle is the punishment he will bring upon the people who persecute his faithful servants. The cry from the temple is the prayer of His servants to the Lord of the harvest that He will send forth labourers into His harvest, and while He is cutting these persecutors with His sharp sickle, or, in other words, while the reapers are binding the tares in bundles to burn them, many who are following these two beasts will turn to the Lord and live. We are now come to the place where God gives us a description of the avenging of the blood

of the faithful followers of the Lamb, for the Word of God, and for the testimony which they held. He who does avenge the blood is the mighty God Himself. "I have trodden the wine press alone; and of the people there was none with me; for I will tread them in mine anger, and trample them in my fury; and their blood shall be sprinkled upon my garments, and I will stain all my raiment."

CHAPTER XV.

THE great God calls the things recorded in the fifteenth and sixteenth chapters a sign in heaven, great and marvellous. These angels are men who are exceedingly holy and good, the ministers of the little flock of God at the commencement of the millennial church. One of the angels may be quite a number of ministers; the sea of glass is the Word of God; the fire is the Holy Spirit; those who have gotten the victory are the first of the millennial church; the harps of God are the joy and gladness of their hearts; the song of Moses, and of the Lamb is the Psalms; the song sung by the true people of God in the time of the Old Testament, and of the New; the words recorded are the very sentiments of a goodly number of the triumphant songs; the temple, etc., is the people in whose heart God dwells; the white linen is the righteousness of saints, or Christ's imputed righteousness. The golden girdles show that they are the ambassadors of the most high God. The four beasts are the rulers over the nations in the millennial period, not able

to enter into the temple is like as it was in the days of the Apostles, and of the rest durst no man join himself to them, and believers were the more added to the Lord, multitudes both of men and women.

CHAPTER XVI.

THESE plagues have to be suffered by the two beasts mentioned in the thirteenth chapter of this book. In the ninth chapter we are informed that they have two hundred million rulers and teachers. And that in those days shall men seek death, and shall not find it, and shall desire to die, and death shall flee from them; this is eternal death. But God will not let them all go to the second death. A great number of them will turn to the Lord and wash their robes and make them white in the blood of the Lamb. The work which these seven angels have to do is like the work which Moses and Aaron did do about the ten plagues of Egypt. These angels will tell the people beforehand what will take place, and the plagues will immediately follow. Then the people who will be saved will see how they have been deceived with false teachers. This marvellous sign will finish up much like the plagues of Egypt; Pharoah and his army were drowned in the Red Sea. The three unclean spirits like frogs will gather the kings of the earth and of the whole world to the battle of that great day of God Almighty. God does meet them unexpectedly, His little flock are a blessed people, when they keep their garments. This is the dawn of the great and terrible day of the Lord, when many millions of His enemies will be slain, and many millions of them will repent and be saved.

CHAPTER XVII.

THIS chapter is given to us by the great God, to make things more plain. Let us look at all the names mentioned here. These same names are used in many places in the Word of God to point out to us the same parties, so that when we read these names in other parts of the Word we know who we are reading about. The woman sits upon many waters, and upon a scarlet coloured beast, and on seven mountains. These mountains are the heads of the beast; the waters are peoples and multitudes and nations, and tongues; the seven mountains are seven countries. The beast was and is not, etc. Through his god and master, who is the dragon, he is connected with the great kings who held the children of Israel in bondage for seventy years. He claims to be of the lineage of Christ, and his Apostles, but God altogether disowns him, so that he was and is not. In verse ten there are seven kings; five are fallen, and one is, and the other is not yet come—that is when this book was given. If we count the beast another, he is the eighth; but he is more like a continuation of the seventh; because his religion is the very same—a mixture of paganism, Judaism, and Christianity. His horns are ten kings who were completely under his authority for long; these kings are always hostile to the Lamb. The ten horns shall hate the whore, etc. This will most certainly take place; there is some appearance of this at the present time. There is another of her names recorded here; “and the woman which thou sawest is that great city, which reigneth over the kings of the earth, called Babylon the great.” She is the mother of harlots, her daughters are a great Protestant power. She is drunken with the blood of the saints. In Rev. 16:3 she and her daughters are called the sea. This sea is like the

sea we read about in Jude, verse 13—"raging waves of the sea foaming out their own shame"; they do put to death everyone of the true people of God who are amongst them. The seven kings, verse 10, are the seven heads of the dragon.

CHAPTER XVIII.

THIS angel is the one who sounds the sixth trumpet, or in other words, a great number of true and faithful preachers, to whom God hath given a sevenfold spiritual light; the earth was lightened with his glory. Their work is to show the character of that great city, the church of Rome, the habitation and the hold of every foul spirit, and a cage of every unclean and hateful bird; and to tell what effect the teaching of this great city has had on the nations of the earth, and to warn the children of God to come out of her. They tell of her sins, of her punishment, of how sudden her fall will be; they tell of the great lamentation of the people of the earth over her fall; and at the last her killing of the saints.

CHAPTER XIX.

IN this chapter the true people of God do rejoice with exceeding great joy, because of two great events. First, for God has judged the great whore, and hath avenged the blood of His servants at her hand. Second, for the marriage of the Lamb is come, and His wife hath made herself ready, clothed in fine linen clean and white. John was so overjoyed when he heard that there was such a good time coming for the church on this earth, that he fell down to worship the angel. We have here our Lord and Master and his followers who crown him with many crowns, riding on their white horses of power and authority, who are going into a righteous war against their enemies, who have been gathered together by the three unclean spirits like frogs, which come out of the mouth of the dragon, and out of the mouth of the beast, and out of the mouth of the false prophet, for they are the spirits of devils working miracles, which go forth unto the kings of the earth, and of the whole world, to gather them to the battle of that great day of God Almighty. And the beast was taken and with him the false prophet that wrought miracles before him with which he deceived them that had received the mark of the beast, and them that worshipped his image. These both were cast alive into a lake of fire burning with brimstone. This is the finishing stroke for the two beasts; or in other words the church of Rome, and the great multitude of Protestants who spake as a dragon. And the remnant were slain with the sword of him that sat upon the horse, which sword proceeded out of his mouth, and all the fowls were filled with their flesh. The remnant were the many millions who came with the kings of the earth, and of the whole world to war against our Lord and His followers. The

sword of him that sat on the horse is the Word of God. When men are slain with this sword they give in, and wash their robes and make them white in the blood of the Lamb. The fowls are the seven spirits of God; their work is to sanctify men who are slain with the Word, and to destroy the lusts of the flesh, and to take away all the desire of these conquered kings to be kings. Their being filled is that they are well satisfied, because they have got their work well done. This is the battle of Armageddon.

CHAPTER XX.

IN this chapter the Lord Jesus binds the dragon for a thousand years, and sets the saints on the thrones of the nations, and judgment was given unto them, and they lived and reigned with Christ a thousand years. But those who were dead in sin did not claim to be spiritually alive until the thousand years were finished. Christ was the first that should rise from the dead—this is the first resurrection. At the new birth we become partakers of the first resurrection, and are safe from the second death. When the thousand years are expired Satan shall be loosed out of his prison. He gathers all the unregenerate people together to war with the saints, and fire comes down from heaven and devours them. Christ then comes the second time in our nature to raise the dead, and to pass sentence on the wicked, and to take all His true people home to the mansions of glory.

CHAPTER XXI.

IN the last two chapters we are taken back to the beginning of the millennial period, and are shown the church or people of God, from that time to the end of the world. The new heaven is the church; and the new earth is the nations and their rulers. There will be no other but saints in the church, and the rulers over the nations will all be saints. The sea was the wicked nations over whom the dragon's followers did rule. The holy city Jerusalem is the church; everything that constitutes a right church comes down from God out of heaven; every member is adorned with all the graces of the Holy Spirit. God will dwell among them the same as He did dwell among the children of Israel when He brought them out of Egypt to their own land. They will not need to mourn and weep, there shall be no more of them tortured to death. They shall have great spiritual light.

CHAPTER XXII.

THE street is the Word of God. The river of water of life is the Word of God. The tree of life is the Lord Jesus Christ. The fifteenth verse gives us a sight of the people who were not in the church. The Holy Spirit and the church people are always inviting these wicked people to come and take the water of life freely.

